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Annual Events

- Civil War Re-enactments, April and November

Nearby Attractions

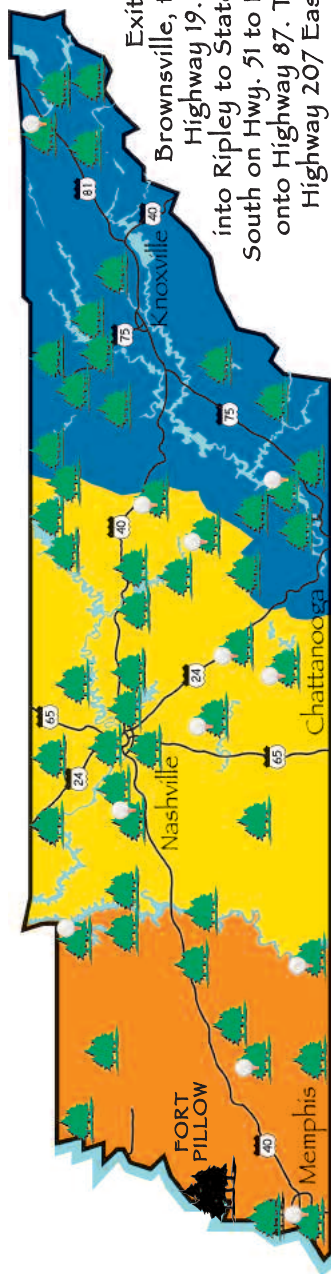
- Alex Haley Museum, Henning, TN, 21 miles



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Hours of Operation:

Park Hours: 8:00 a.m. until Sunset—7 days a week—Year-round

Museum Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—7 days a week

Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

Park Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—Monday through Friday.

For Further Information, Contact: Fort Pillow State Historic Area / 3122 Park Road
Henning, TN 38041-5210 / Phone (731) 738-5581

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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS FORT PILLOW

STATE HISTORIC AREA





Fort Pillow State Historic Area

is a 1646-acre park overlooking the Mississippi River. In 1861, the Confederate Army built extensive fortifications here and named the site for General Gideon J. Pillow of Maury County. Because of its strategic location, the Union Army overwhelmed the fort and controlled it during most of the war. Many of the original breastworks remain in good condition and the extensive archaeological study and excavations have allowed the reconstruction of the inner fort, defended by the Union troops in the 1864 battle.

Camping

Fort Pillow has two different camping areas. The Family Camping area has 32 sites and accommodates tent campers, small trailers and small RVs. There are no electrical or water hookups but the campground does have restrooms, and modern bathhouses. The Chickasaw Bluff Camping area is available only by hiking. It overlooks the Mississippi River and has water, fire rings and primitive restroom facilities. A permit is required for its use.

Group Camping

The group camp area can handle up to 200 campers and is available for organized groups such as scout troops and church organizations. The site may be reserved through the park office.

Museum

The Interpretive Center and museum houses a number of Civil war displays relative to the battle at Fort Pillow. Items on display include cannons, memorabilia related to General Forrest and artifacts found on the park. A film interpreting park history is also provided. Visitors can also get maps, camping permits, trail information, and other informative brochures.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

A picnic area is equipped with tables and grills. Water is available on site and there are also restrooms for visitors' use. The area also has a well-equipped playground. A picnic pavilion is available for use and may be reserved through the park office.

Boating and Fishing

The park is home to Fort Pillow Lake, a 25-acre lake that features good fishing for bass, bream, and crappie. A small fishing pier is located on the lake. A free boat launch ramp is on the lake and private boats are welcome.

Hiking

There are 20 miles of hiking trails, many of those miles paralleling the earthwork fortifications at the site. On some trails, permits are required and can be obtained from the park office along with maps of all the hiking trails.

Planned Programs

Most of the interpretive programs at the park are developed to enhance the understanding of the American Civil War as it relates to the occupation of both Confederate and Union forces at Fort Pillow. Nature, recreational and Civil War programs are held every weekend and holiday during the summer months.

